Roxbury Tuesday Morning

Dear Debora —

I charged Maria yesterday to write to you directly — but I am haunted by a fear that in the hurry of their first arrival they will neglect it — & so I seize this sheet of ruled paper, which is all my schoolroom affords & sit down to write to you, touching the surprising events of the last few days — I take for granted that before you receive this you will in some way have heard of the arrival of H— & M— & you will not wonder that in the confusion of such an unexpected arrival no one thought of any thing — I was sick & tired to death to begin * — the rain pouring in torrents — & contending with divers disadvantages — I yesterday wrote to Nobody — I thought they would write before I got in town & when I did, it was late — & rainy — & so many folks coming & going — & a great package from England — letters from George Thompson — & some new speeches — & pamphlets innumerable — letters from Richard Webb — & enclosures enough — from E Pease I did not try to read them — Then Quincy was there — & Wendell — & I all the time trying to find out why they (Abby) came home —?

This you will wish to know — The short & long of it was between ourselves Henry got to such a pitch of uneasiness that he would not stay any longer — he & M were both attacked at Port Au Prince with a Diarrhea (entre nous) which is the alternative with yellow fever — & were ill all the time. H— feared I know by what I gather that it was an alarming feature of his complaint — & he threatened to go home in a hogshead of rum — all this however is not to be told of — he was then in no situation to go by land to the Cape — & the Haitien craft by sea were unbearable

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& in short come he would — & highly satisfied is he with his performance — I am only sorry that in consequence of his indisposition they saw very little of Port Au Prince & had no interview with Boyer at all — Henry saw Inginac twice — they had 14 days home & one storm — Henry looks thin but his cough is far less annoying as far as I can observe than when they went away — I do not feel on the whole any diminution of anxiety on his account tho' he seems better & says he feels better — he has as people say a better countenance, —

So unexpectedly did they come that Mary being in her mother's chamber in the morning heard a knock at the door & opening it there stood Maria!! conceive her surprise — Mrs Chapman who lying on her bed had not the relief of his cheerful looks was much over come — I fear you will see the arrival in the papers — & fancy H. has come back very sick — but it cant be helped —

Warren came out at noon & told me I saw that he was bursting with something at once — & besides I am past being much surprised — & am nearly tired to death now — I hope you got a despatch by Harnden on Saturday containing the letters of those wanderers — I sent it & trust it came safely

The Great Western is in at New York & as I came out of town ~~to-day~~ this morning I saw the red flag streaming from the top of the post office & so suppose our Steamer is in — the despatches of which I spoke yesterday were brought by a Mr Curtis of Ohio who has been lecturing on the Corn Laws in England — I dare say you have heard of him — ~~[illegible]~~ he came in the Sheridan a packet ship — just in at New York —

E. Pease — says that Knapp's Liberator has

being circulated in England in envelopes direct-
ed if she had her eyes in Charles Stuart's hand
writing — but she did not seem much moved
by it.

Richard Webb is very bright & interesting of
course — he has sent a manuscript of the
longest work O'Connell ever published & which
as he printed it was left in his hands & he
sends it to us with O.C's permission
R.W. hopes it will sell for $25 & wishes the
money may be given to Rogers —

G. Thompson writes as usual — an all hail
note in a great hurry — very affectionate
& sends all his pamphlets which are beautifully
printed —

I don't know that H. & A. have any
definite plans — none except H. is quite
determined never to go away again —
I sometimes fear he will never have the chance
he resists the very mention of Philadelphia
or the interior — & really "attends" to
give himself as little chance as possible
don't say any thing to any one of all
this — for it is of no use to contend
with a man in his own behalf — He
seems so glad to get home that it is really
pleasant — & his appetite is tremendous —

Your letters by William Coffin are not yet gone
to Weymouth for I don't like to send by the
stage — & there was no other way — I had
no time to read them but except — in Essex
there was nothing of any moment — as I
stopped at Chauncy Place to get Lizzy on
Monday morning I was on my way from
Cambridge where I spent Sunday — with
the Shacks — & was froze to death by a hot
air stove.

I hope you will make out this
incoherent epistle & hoping I shall have
letters soon I am yours affy.

Caroline Weston

Richard Webb has published for circulation
in Ireland in pamphlet giving an account of
the Boston Bazaar & containing letters from Anne & Wendell
& Edmund — the letters foolish enough —
& none of them intended for publication
he sent two copies

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